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Easterling, Deborah

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3:34 PM
To: 'Arthur MORGENSTERN'
Subject: RE: Letter of Protest, Docket 2011-317-WS

Dear Mr. Morgenstern,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2011-317-WS and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Assistant

From: Arthur MORGENSTERN [<mailto:artmrgnstrn@bellsouth.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 5:14 PM
To: Contact
Cc: Art Morgenstern
Subject: Letter of Protest, Docket 2011-317-WS

See attached Letter of Protest in Docket 2011-317-WS.

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Date: * September 15, 2011

Letter of Protest
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Protestant Information:

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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of the Company (Kiawah Island Utility, Inc.) that is the subject of this pending proceeding.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

The Public Service Commission (PSC) should take notice of the fact that the Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. (KIU) has been offered for sale by Kiawah Development Partners (KDP), its current owner, and the Town of Kiawah Island (Town) is the entity currently considering purchase. All of the justification for the rate increase that is the subject of the above Docket is based on continued ownership by KDP. If KIU is purchased by the Town, the application would become irrelevant, since operating margin, equity return, revenue needed to attract funding, interest payable on debt and other items would be significantly different for a municipality. Furthermore, plans for, and cost of, expansion / renovation might change. Even if the Town does not purchase KIU, it might be sold to a third party, and the factors mentioned above (e.g., operating margin, plans for expansion, etc.) might also differ. Therefore, I suggest that the PSC delay consideration of the rate increase (or, if necessary, deny it) until it is known whether the sale will be completed and, if so, allow the new owner to evaluate its rate structure. A recent timeline for consideration by the Town of the purchase indicates March 13, 2012, as the completion date (date for voting on a Bond Referendum).

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *
(This section should be completed.)

I would prefer not to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding. However, if there are any questions about this Letter of Protest that can be answered only via an appearance, I would be willing to appear, preferably at a location in Charleston County rather than in Columbia.